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(54) GRANULAR DETERGENT COMPOSITION AND ITS PRODUCTION

(57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a granular detergent composition excellent in both washing stability and the prevention of foaming after long-term storage.

SOLUTION: This composition contains as the constituents a fatty acid polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether represented by the formula: $R^1C(O)(AO)_m(EO)_nOR^2$ [wherein R^1 is a 1-40C alkyl or alkenyl; R^2 is a 1-20C alkyl or alkenyl; AO stands for at least one 3-8C alkylene oxide; EO is ethylene oxide; and m and n respectively are the average numbers of AO and EO molecules added and are each a positive number

of 1 or greater, satisfying the formula $m+n=(2 \text{ to } 50)$] and an alkali builder. The composition is produced by, for example, kneading and extruding a fatty acid polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether and an alkali builder, and then crushing and granulating the extrudate.

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